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HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
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On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "
" S. CHOW, Agent.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq.
J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [3]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$ 8,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [6]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$500,000
RESERVE FUND \$150,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3 " 3 "
" 3 " 2 " 2 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

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TO LET.

GODOWN in BLUE BUILDINGS.

FLOORS in STAUNTON and ELGIN
STREETS.

" HAYTOR"—Newly erected 5 roomed
bungalow at the Peak.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
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Hongkong, 31st May, 1898. [32]

TO LET.

THREE ROOMS on 2ND FLOOR No. 8,
Queen's Road Central, Suitable for
OFFICE, Rent Moderate.

Apply to

Mr. SUI SANG,

On the premises.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1898. [247]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(cont.)

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	Java	J. Chelléw, R.N.R.	Daylight, 22nd June	Freight or Passage.
STRAITS, &c.	Pethawur	F. W. Vibart, R.N.R.	About 23rd June	Freight only.
LONDON, &c.	Chusan	E. Street	Noon, 23rd June	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	Rosetta	E. P. Bishop	6 P.M., 25th June	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	Ballaarat	W. J. Nantes	About 25th June	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Japan	T. Leigb.	About 6th July	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Ceylon	C. H. C. Weston, R.N.R.	About 7th July	Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea). [27]

(See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [15]

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

D. C. L.

OLD TOM GIN \$7 per doz.
DRY GIN 7 "

Only to our holding sole bottling rights from the DISTILLERS CO., LTD. we are able to offer
their HIGH-CLASS GINS at above LOW PRICE.

H. PRICE & CO.,
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS, NO. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A COOLING SUMMER DRINK.

" SPARKLING DEVONSHIRE CIDER."

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TOTNES.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
Sole Agents,
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THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and
supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all
Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, [36]

W. POWELL & CO.

A CAPITAL ASSORTMENT OF

BLACK & COLOURED LACES

SUITABLE FOR BLOUSES OR BOLEROS.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1898. [17]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

(cont.)

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

" HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.

" VICTOR METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIRMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [18]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAKES 600,000 \$83,333-33.

EQUAL TO \$83,333-33.

RESERVE FUND \$318,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SINO, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [29]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong; 26th May, 1898. [30]

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,

No. 525, E.C.

A N EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of
VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at
the FREEMASONS' HALL on THURSDAY, the
23rd instant, at 8:30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visit-
ing Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1898. [36]

Hotels.

I SAY! HERE'S SOMETHING GOOD.

THE OLD MAN'S ON DECK AGAIN

AT THOMAS'S GRILL ROOMS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS

TARIFF—

BREAKFAST \$ 0.55;

TIPPI 0.75;

DINNER 1.00;

3 MEALS DAILY (Monthly Rate) 40.00;

1 TIPPI 15.00;

1 DINNER 20.00;

TIPPI & DINNER 30.00;

BREAKFAST & TIPPI 25.00;

BREAKFAST & DINNER 28.00;

BEST OF VIANDS SERVED IN THE

BEST OF STYLES.

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To-day's
Advertisements.

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day resumed charge of the
Company's business.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [78]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON."

Captain Rothon, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [747]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."

Captain Nelson, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the

Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the

Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the

Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire

voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the

Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company

to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return

by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [732]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR S'ANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED."

Captain Bartlett, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [739]

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"KEELUNG."

Captain Tavao, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [764]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY, LAUNCESTON AND

MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN."

Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the

Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the

Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the

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Hongkong, 21st June, 1898. [778]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-
rison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaint should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [70]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEWARDESS WANTED

Apply, with copy of testimonials to
BODWELL, CARILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1898. [724]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that THU'S DAY
next, the 23rd instant, (5th Moon, 5th
Day) being the CHINESE MIDSUMMER
FESTIVAL will be observed as a HOLIDAY
at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE, OPium
EXAMINATION OFFICE and STATIONS.

All Examination of Vessels and Clearances of
Junks will be suspended on that date.

H. M. HILLIER,

Commissioner of Customs

for Kowloon and District.

Kowloon, 15th June, 1898. [772]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF
AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manu-
facture are sold throughout the
Far East and are invariably pre-
ferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.
The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those
charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are
acknowledged by the leading English
makers to be equal to those of their
own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B.,
D.C.L., F.R.S., F.C.S., &c. the greatest
living authority on Water, reports as
follows on the water as prepared and
used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high de-

"gree of organic purity and is
"of most excellent quality for
"drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1898. [7]

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

and it appears that the Admiralty are of
the same opinion. Reuter tells us that no
naval manoeuvres are to take place this
year owing to the Admiralty being
reluctant to deplete the supplies of
coal. Even here in Hongkong the Naval
Authorities are looking to their coal supply,
and large stocks are at present held in
readiness for all eventualities. The assem-
bling of all the smaller gunboats at Hong-
kong also may point to a state of prepa-
redness, as we understand that in the
event of an outbreak of hostilities these
small craft are to be laid up here and
their crews drafted to the torpedo boats
and fighting ships. We have eight gun-
boats on the station, excluding the *Ek* and
Tived, and, with the exception of one
in the Bering Sea, they are all at Hong-
kong or Manilla. This looks as though
these small craft were being kept within
reach of Hongkong in view of the possi-
bilities of the situation.

Our ships at Manilla are being re-
fitted too. The *Bonaventure* was rushed
off there on Sunday morning, and is to
remain until relieved by the *Iphigenia*,
which has been ordered down from Japan.
The *Iphigenia* had already started on a
thirty-seven days cruise and was expect-
ing to be ordered to Shanghai on its con-
clusion, so it is evident that these naval
movements have been made suddenly
and unexpectedly. They may probably
be on account of the concentration
of German ships at Manilla, for the
officers of the *Zafiro* report that they
passed the *Kaiser* going into Manilla as
they came out, thus making the German
force up to four ships, viz.:—the *Kaiser*,
Kaisers Augustus, *Irne* and *Cormoran*. It
should prove to be true that Germany
has designs on the Philippines, and the
more ships we have at Manilla the better.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

LONDON, June 19th.

The Cadiz squadron under the command of
Admiral Camas, accompanied by six liners
conveying four thousand troops has finally sailed
and passed the Straits of Gibraltar on Thursday
bound eastward.

Admiral Sampson has telegraphed to the Gov-
ernment anxiously enquiring when the invad-
ing army will arrive, adding that the situation
around Santiago is critical.

FRANCE.

M. Ribot has renounced his attempt to form a
ministry, and President Faure has asked M.
Savrin in view of a division of parties.

ITALY.

The Marquis Rudolf has announced in the
Chambers that the Cabinet will resign, and re-
quested the suspension of the sittings which
was refused.

ABANDONMENT OF THE NAVAL
MANOEUVRES.

It is officially announced that the British
Naval manoeuvres will not take place this year,
the Admiralty being reluctant to deplete the
supplies of coal in view of the possibilities of
the situation.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE NAVAL
BUILDING PROGRAMME.

Mr. Goschen stated in the House of Com-
mons, in reply to a question, that some addition
to the building programme had been made under
the consideration of the Government for some time,
and that the Government would announce the
details on the 15th July.

LORD SALISBURY ON CHINA.

Lord Salisbury stated in the House that
negotiations were proceeding with China relative
to the re-organisation of the Army and Navy, and although the negotiations regarding
the Navy were more advanced, the difficulty as
hitherto, was that China was unwilling to give
British re-organising officers, a free hand, and he
feared that if this were given to them it
would be used to their advantage.

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THE PLAGUE.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 20th June,
no new cases and 1 death from plague were
reported, making the total since 1st January
(171 days) 1,292 cases and 1,237 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

No cases of plague in the 24 hours up to noon

to-day.

FOR obstructing the Prys East by weighing
coals, a merchant was to-day fined \$15, in default

six weeks.

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy was to-day sentenced to
receive three strokes of the birch for stealing
three pieces of steel belonging to the H.K. and
K. Wash. and Go. Co.

The following entries have been received for
the 1st mile Handicap at the Gymkhana to be
held on 23rd Inst:—

Mr. Kingdon's Barberian, 1stst. glibs.
Mr. Atkinson's Landseer, 1stst. glibs.
Mr. Medico's Tanlly, 1stst. glibs.
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's, 1stst.
Mr. Greyson's Black Deco, 1stst.
Hon. F. H. May's Red Rose, 1stst.
Mr. Lewis's Saucy, 1stst.
Mr. Potts' Toccin, 1stst.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that he to-day
obtained

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1898.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE CHAMBER TO THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 1st May, 1898.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward to you a despatch in triplicate addressed to the most noble the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, following up telegram of yesterday, which my Committee respectfully beg His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to kindly transmit through the usual channel.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

To Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE CHAMBER TO THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 1st May, 1898.

My Lord Marquis,—The fact that this Chamber is a more or less cosmopolitan body, formed solely to promote and protect the interests of commerce, has induced the Committee to strictly confine their attention to matters connected with trade. Since, however, inaction at the present crisis of the colony's history might be open to misconstruction—this Chamber being unquestionably the most representative institution in Hongkong—my Committee have decided to lay their views on the proposed rectification of the boundaries of the colony before your Lordship.

The moment appears to my Committee to be peculiarly favourable for the negotiation of such a demand. The Chinese Government have proved their incapacity to uphold the neutrality of any portion of their territory, and it is therefore imperative that any Chinese territory commanding the approaches to the harbour of Hongkong should be placed in British hands.

This Chamber can fully endorse all that has been advanced in favour of the extension of the boundaries of the colony by the China Association, the Navy League, and various officials, civil, naval, and military. It is of vital importance to the residents of all nationalities here engaged in commerce that that commerce should be secure from molestation, and that the docks, banks, factories, and godowns in which they hold large interests should not be at the mercy of a bombarding force. Where there is vast capital invested, the first element desired is security from loss through sudden attack by an outside foe, and while there is good reason to hope for the continued preservation of peace, it would be more satisfactory to be assured that the wealth created here by commercial enterprise is not exposed to needless and avoidable danger.

My Committee, moreover, desire to point out that the rapid growth of the population in the past, and the tendency to still further increase in the future, render some addition to the area under British occupation most desirable if not absolutely necessary, both for the establishment of industry and for the erection of dwelling houses with due regard to sanitation. The water supply, excellent as it is for existing requirements, cannot be greatly increased on the island, as most of the principal streams and collecting areas have already been laid under cultivation, and the bulk of the fresh water obtainable has been impounded. Nor is it advisable that so large a city as Victoria should be entirely dependent on outside sources for every article of food, when by the acquisition of the proposed strip of territory at the back of the Kowloon peninsula land for the production of vegetables and the rearing of cattle would be provided.

The question was deferred for consideration.

STORM WARNINGS FROM FORMOSA.

The Chairman drew attention to the inconvenience that would be caused during the typhoon season by the cessation of the receipt of storm warnings from Manila in consequence of suspension of telegraphic communication with that port. He thought that if warnings could be obtained from South Cape, Formosa, the want might be to some degree made good.

It was decided to write to the Government and suggest that the Japanese Authorities in Formosa be communicated with on the subject.

THE VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE.

Read letter, dated 14th June from the Government transmitting copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing the appointment of Sir Alfred Dent to the Committee appointed to consider the Indian Currency.

The question was deferred for consideration.

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R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

To Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE CHAMBER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

Sir,—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that your supplemental despatch of the 11th instant will be duly forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by Saturday's mail—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

To Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE CHAMBER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

Sir,—With reference to my letter No. 968 of the 11th instant, I am directed to inform you that your supplemental despatch of the 11th instant has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to the Marquis of Salisbury.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

To the Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE CHAMBER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant requesting His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to forward the following telegram to the Foreign Office, detailing this Chamber with the cost of same.

“Chamber Commerce strongly urges necessary rectification boundaries colony. Lett. follows.”

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

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To the Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

THE CHAMBER TO THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

My Lord Marquis,—I had the honour of addressing your Lordship on the 9th inst., and now beg to advise the following message sent by wire on the 10th inst.—

“Marquis Salisbury, London.—Hongkong

Chamber Commerce strongly urges vital necessary rectification boundaries colony. Lett. follows.—GRAY, Chairman.”

Within the last few days details have reached this port of the virtual capture of Manila by the United States squadron under Admiral Dewey, and if an object lesson were required to emphasize the vital necessity to this colony of an adequate system of defence, a more striking example could hardly have been found. Through want of

proper defence, the invading force was allowed to come within shelling range of the city, and then any resistance from the fort was promptly checked by threat of a bombardment. Similar facilities could be adopted here by an enemy, who could bombard the city of Victoria simultaneously from the Capulman and from Mira Bay, with absolute impunity from retaliation by our forts, although the defence works of the harbour are excellent for repelling warships attempting to enter it.

My Committee would further invite your Lordship's special attention to the fact that the harbour of Mira Bay was actually used by the United States squadron as a naval base before proceeding to Manila after leaving Hongkong upon the rupture of diplomatic relations with Spain. This incident forcibly illustrates the use that may be made of Mira Bay and Capulman as places of rendezvous by a foreign power.

To Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE CHAMBER TO THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

My Lord Marquis,—The fact that this Chamber is a more or less cosmopolitan body, formed solely to promote and protect the interests of commerce, has induced the Committee to strictly confine their attention to matters connected with trade. Since, however, inaction at the present crisis of the colony's history might be open to misconstruction—this Chamber being unquestionably the most representative institution in Hongkong—my Committee have decided to lay their views on the proposed rectification of the boundaries of the colony before your Lordship.

The moment appears to my Committee to be peculiarly favourable for the negotiation of such a demand. The Chinese Government have proved their incapacity to uphold the neutrality of any portion of their territory, and it is therefore imperative that any Chinese territory commanding the approaches to the harbour of Hongkong should be placed in British hands.

This Chamber can fully endorse all that has been advanced in favour of the extension of the boundaries of the colony by the China Association, the Navy League, and various officials, civil, naval, and military. It is of vital importance to the residents of all nationalities here engaged in commerce that that commerce should be secure from molestation, and that the docks, banks, factories, and godowns in which they hold large interests should not be at the mercy of a bombarding force. Where there is vast capital invested, the first element desired is security from loss through sudden attack by an outside foe, and while there is good reason to hope for the continued preservation of peace, it would be more satisfactory to be assured that the wealth created here by commercial enterprise is not exposed to needless and avoidable danger.

R. M. GRAY,
Chairman.

The Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

THE CHAMBER TO THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 12th May, 1898.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch of the 9th and 10th inst., from which my Committee learn that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been good enough to send on the letter addressed by this Chamber to the most noble the Marquis of Salisbury, but they regret that His Excellency did not deem it expedient to forward their telegram on the same subject.

I am instructed to point out that the rapid growth of the population in the past, and the tendency to still further increase in the future, render some addition to the area under British occupation most desirable if not absolutely necessary, both for the establishment of industry and for the erection of dwelling houses with due regard to sanitation. The water supply, excellent as it is for existing requirements, cannot be greatly increased on the island, as most of the principal streams and collecting areas have already been laid under cultivation, and the bulk of the fresh water obtainable has been impounded. Nor is it advisable that so large a city as Victoria should be entirely dependent on outside sources for every article of food, when by the acquisition of the proposed strip of territory at the back of the Kowloon peninsula land for the production of vegetables and the rearing of cattle would be provided.

The Chairman said they were there to ask Mr. Harvey to kindly accept some little mementos together with the best wishes of the mess for a pleasant voyage home and a good position when he got there, and he then, amidst loud applause handed to Mr. Harvey a box containing a solid silver spirit flask and a handsomely chased silver cigar case and match box.

Mr. Harvey, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically greeted. He said they all knew how he regretted leaving Hongkong after his five years' service here. He would have liked to put in another five years here but service exigencies prevented it. He had spent a very happy time here. If not the happiest in his life and it spoke well for the mess, he thought. In a place like this that when outside pleasures called he could always find enjoyment in the mess. He was sorry to say he was the last of the old school and it was with the deepest regret he spoke of the dear old hands and as they had been happy together in the past so could those here now. The new men must find their own society and enjoyment as the old hands had done. In his 17 years of military life he had never met more general society than in the Staff and Departmental Mess in Hongkong and it was first and foremost in the field and other messes had taken example by it. Those who had been here some years knew what he meant. Although the old mess was a small one, only 12 members, they used to have a glorious time with launch trips and cricket matches and in the latter they were never beaten. He could say without affection and with the utmost truth that he never found a body of men with whom he could mix so congenially as those in this mess. There was not the slightest reason why the younger members should not make it equally congenial. They should sacrifice their own desires and wishes and try to be agreeable to their fellow men. Mr. Harvey paid a very generous tribute to G. S. M. Newberry, late president of the mess and said they had a good man in his successor. He gave the mess his warmest thanks for their gifts which would ever be memories of the happiest time in his life and he hoped the mess would long continue to be what it had ever been. (Applause).

Sgt. Shillington then gave “And Robin Gray” on the violin, with all the skill of a master, and S. S. Pickering recited a piece about Tom Brady of the King's Own clearing a gun at Sebastopol and winning the V.C. This item was received with enthusiasm, several old K.O. men being present. O. M. S. Sherwood sang “Father O’Farrell” in fine style and Mr. Harvey contributed “Simon the Cellar” in a manner that brought down the house.

The guest of the evening then proposed “Health and Prosperity to the Staff and Departmental Mess” and it was given with musical honours. S. M. March sang “Good Luck to the Barley Mow” and had hearty appreciation. Mr. Oxberry and Sgt. Ellis contributed employable numbers and Mr. Blake, as the oldest honorary member, spoke in high appreciation of the mess and also of his close acquaintance with Mr. Harvey, in whom they were losing “a jolly good chum” (Applause). He too referred to Scott’s Empulsion in cases of children suffering from wasting and mal-nutrition and can report most favourably on the good effects it has been in each case taken most readily.” W. PERKINS, M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent, Bulleigh Hospital. Any Chemist can supply it. Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China—Watkins & Co., Hongkong. (Advt.)

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